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THE NEGROES Choose Their Surnames From Those

> of "Old Masthas." (Kansas City Star.)

What's a name? One answer that Shakespeare himself gives: But he who filches from me my good

name Robs me of that which not enriches him,

And makes me poor, indeed." Not altogether in the sense indicated by this reply will my story deal. Surnames of negroes who were slaves were usually of their own selection, as they, like all mankind originally, were known by one appellation, given name.

When it become neccessary our meant something and are generally euphonious as Rosenbaum, Silverstein Lobe, Rothschild, and so no. When Angle-Saxton surnames were added or adopted in the Eleventh and Twelfth centuries some seem to have been taken haphazzard, and are of no significance. Our colored people retained, in the main, after freedom, the surname of "Old Mastah." Most of them felt proud of the family whom are not more unmerous. they served and spoke of them as ain't got no use for po' white folks," so often used by the negro servant, had no general reference to financial conditions, meaning, rather, social status-"Mannahs and customs," as they sometimes expressed it.

Example of Missouri Negro.

One example of family fealty is the case of Nelson Crews. This really remarkable negro was born on the plantation of Dr. Samuel Crews, of time owned over 500 negro servants. His parents were far above the average in intelligence and integrity. Joanna, the fine old mother of Nelson rews, lives now in Kansas City. She was the weaver of the Crews nome, and I believe there are woolen counterpanes yet in the possession of the family that bear evidence of her skill. From remarks made to me by a member of Dr. Crews' family a few and so creditably.

With us yet is a staunch, dependable negro woman, industrious and self-supporting, though long past three same given name as his own. This score years and ten, who, though she has led to the altar-yes, led to the office, kept the books, accompanied made pre-nuptial arrangements with frequently restored to by the old-tme A soluble Antiseptic Powder to her various suitors of brought them to taw afterward, for Susan Clark and William was free both he and his she was, is and ever will be. "I was former owner began the practice of As a medicinal antiseptic for douches bo'n and bred on the plantation of medicine in the same town. From in treating catarrh, inflammation or Beverly R. Clark, the finest white doorways on opposite sides of the ulceration of nose, throat, and that folks in Kaintucky or any whah upon same street swung signs each readcaused by feminine ills it has no equal. the yeath, and twel I meets up with a ing "Dr. William Warren." For ten years the Lydia E. Pinkham bettah name I don't see no'casion to Medicine Co. has recommended Paxtine | change mine," insists Aunt Susan.

the surnames of former owners.

negroes, good and creditable citizens aid in his power to "Old Mastah." of the vicinity of Kansas City, Mo., Kirby Smith, a pioneer of Jackson were slaves in the family of a sister county, whose farm is now within the fer Smith, the name of the member fine body of land he possessel. "Yes," of the family to whom they were as- he replied; "oh, yes, the farm is a fine signed. Among their proudest possessions is a portrait of a handsome, I would rather have back my trusty, distinguished looking white man, inscribed on the margin this testimony:

"For My Dear Old Mammy From Green Clay Smith.' Nominated As President.

The donor was, you remember, the Liberal Republican party. Whether Hadley Bradley came by

his curious cognoman of his own free 'pasture," as he was called by his faithful flock, boasts of being a ser- from me. vant in the house of President Andrew Jackson. Why so loyal an adtion seems strange. He could have Bass clan. hardly considered its inference with poetical possibilities. One of the incidents Uncle Hadley was fond of relating in praise of "Old Hickory" was in the proof of his devotion to his wife; by the unction and frequency of its reiteration he evidently deemed this a clincher. "Old Mass Gineral did broke his heart when she died and he peared lak he jes can't give her up." An exception as proving a rule

that negroes retained the surnames of former owners was the case of a noted negro of olden days here. Jackson, a long, lank, capable "hand," on a farm now in the heart of Kansas City, was bought when quite young by a civil engineer with the first one thousand dollars he saved from his salary. Jack was pleased with his young master, was faithful and respect, but he would never adopt his surname. "No, young Mistis," he replied when asked why, "I ain't gwine back on the name my dady an' mamy went by; ef Scruggs was good enough for dey it pintedly is good enough for me. Den I'm bound to say that Capt. Scruggs was a fine old, genplemurm

an' a good mastah ad' 'spects' to bar dat name twel I die." Jackson married Rachel, the widow

of a free man. Harry Smith. Harry, though free, remained in the service of his "white folks," Col. Chick's family, until his death in 1849. Harry bought a lot in Kansas City, on Main street, near Missouri avenue. After his death the widow either could not or would not pay the taxes on this property. When it was about to be sold for taxes she was unable to redeem it, so her master gave her \$50 for the lot, which including the taxes, was all it was worth, she affixed her cross mark to the deed of conveyance, contending at the same time that her name was by rights Collins, "Cose dat le name I was bohn wid," but she was persuaded to sign Smith. .

No Question of Origin.

There is no question the origin lo-

cally of the Tallaferros. Negroes and white folks as well pronounce that distinguished old name Taliver. There are, or were, quite a number bearing that surname in the city. We had a family of colored people here named Benoist. Though not serving white people of that name, they clung to it petause they were proud to have once been members of that distinguished family of French residents of St.

A number of negroes after freedom retained the name Troost, some of them excellent and honorable people in their hunmble stations in slavery days and after. Could the city's street "namers" have had this in mind when applying that name to the busy thoroughfare? If so, that may settle vexed question, "Why Troost Avenue?" No one could or would say a Jewish people selected surnames that word against the good, unassuming, unnoted Dr. Troost, but his huhmble career could warrant no such distinction as having one of the principal streets named after him.

Jabez Smith, a painter, near Independence, owned at one time more than 600 negroes. It is said he did not know half of them by sight. In view of this fact, it seems singular that negroes with Smith for surnames

The prevalence of the many curous, 'my white folks." "No corger blood fanciful, veen absurd given names of in our family, and us cullored ones negroes in the old days is more easily accounted for. Negro mothers, no account of the oft-recurring in rapid succession of visits from the stork, were put to it, so to speak, to find names for their babies, so they would ask the white folks to assist in the selection. This gave sentimental young mistresses on young men hero worshipers or with romantic predilections opportunity to bestow upon the helpless infants favorite and noted names of history and fiction; hence Howard county, Missouri, who at that Ccipio, Caesar, Napoleon, Pompey, Cupid, Paris, Remus, Nebuchadnezzar (dwindled down to Buck), Caledonia, Pandora, Arminta, Fatima, Ursula, Cleopatra and other equally as farfetched were lavishly interspersed among plain, every-day cognomens.

Named Many White Babies. On the other hand, negro mammies occasionally named white babies. Birdie Fisher, the contralto singer, now in Chicago, was named by a capadays ago, they "our white folks," feel ble, faithful mammy negro who never a pride in the fact that Nelson Crews left the service of her mistress and helps to perpetuate the fine old name, aided in every way in rearing the chil-

dren of the Fisher family. An eminent physician of the olden times had a man servant with the man William attended to his master's word-three husbands, has never him usually on his visits to patients, changed her surname; she either and did the bleeding and cupping so doctor. When the Civil War ended

Disturbed conditions prevented a strict enforcement of ordinances in rein their private correspondence with The numerous Collinses, Bradleys, gard to licenses. The relations be-Simpsons, Stones, Smarts hereabouts tween the two Dr. Warrens continued, bear out my assertion that negroes the white physician advising his forafter freedom selected for their own mer servant in perplexing cases and assisting in the serious ones, the col-Howard, Scott and Wallace Smith, ored M. D. rendering as of old, any

> of Cassius Clay. Though they are city limits, owned scores of negro proud of the fact that they are of the servants. A while after the close of Clay clan of colored folks, they pre- the war he was complimented on the one, but I miss my negroes; honestly good servants than own all the land between here and St. Louis. I'm lonesome without the cheery light blazing fires on the cabin hearths which shone from the ever-open doors the whole year round regardless of nominated Presidential candidate by weather. I miss the loud guffaws, the dancing, the melody of the old corn gathering songs, the cheerful, willing service. You may take the will or force of circumstances I could blank plantaiton if you will just bring never learn. This zealous colored back my own negroes sound and well and happy as when they were taken

> Tom Bass, the noted negro horse man, not only retains his old master's herant of "Mass General" didn't add surname, but continues to pursue the Jackson to his alliterative appella- business congenial to the old-time

> > BATTLE IN CAB OF A LOCOMOTIVE.

MOBILE, Ala., March 6 .- A fight

in the cab of an engine to-day at Subuta, Miss., resulted in the killing of M. E. Cole, fireman of a Mobile sho' love his wife, hit moighty nigh and Ohio extra north-bound freight train, by his engineer, Marshall Bas-

The killing, according to Baskin, followed an attack on him by Cole with a coal pick while the train was running at a high rate of speed. Baskin declares he shot after he was struck over the head.

Baskin was taken into custody at Shbuta, as well as the entire crew of the train, which stopped at that

The kiling caused the train to be delayed several hours until a new crew could be sent to Shubuta from Mobile.

The statement of Baskin is that Cole, when the train was nearing Shubuta, began abusing him and attackbuta, began abusing him and attacked him with a coal pick and finally forced him to the floor of the tender, striking him over the head with the

He said that when he got to his feet he drew his revolver and shot Cole.



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HELEN KELLER HEARS SONG

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LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 6 .-Helen Keller heard sound to-day for the first time since she became deaf, dumb and blind in childhood.

It was a song from "Die Walkure," sung by Mme. Salzman-Stevens, of a grand opera company. The women met by chance at the Auditorium and Mme. Stevens readily consented to 'let Miss Keller 'hear' her singing."

Standing by Mme. Steven's side, but causing her fingers to pass over her lips as usual, Miss Keller suddenly exclaimed: "Oh, I have heard, I have heard; I could weep for joy.' Miss Kellar became so excited that

Mrs. J. A. Macey, her companion, tried to quiet her, but she repeated again and again: "Oh, I have heard, I have heard."

Port Orchard cedar of the Pacific coast, recently tried as a substituae for English willow in the manufacture of artificial limbs, has been found unsatisfactory. While it is light enough, it is too coarse and brittle.

As an experiment, the supervisor of the Beaverhead National forest is stripping the bark from the base of a number of lodgepole pine trees at various periods before they are to be cut for telephone poles. This girdling causes the trees to exude resin, and it is desired to find what effect this may have as a preservative treatment for the poles.

The State of New York has just published a comprehensive report of its wood-using industries.

Canada has a society of forest engineers. Dr. B. E. Fernow, of Toronto is President, and Mr. F. W. H. Jacombe, of Ottawa, is Secretary.

Lodgepole pine seed sown broadcast on the snow in Southern Idaho last spring germinated when the snow melted, and as many as 60 little trees were counted to the square foot. The summer was so dry, however, that most of the plants died, except where sheltered by brush or logs,

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Montgomery, Mt. Sterling, 3d Mon-Nicholas, Carlisle, 2d Monday. Oldham, Lagrange, 4th Monday. Owen, Owenton, 4th Monday. Pendleton, Falmouch, 1st Monday. Powell, Stanton, 1st Monday. Pulaski, Somerset, 3rd Monday. Scott, Georgetown, 3d Monday. Shelby, Shelbyville, 2d Monday. Wayne, Montecello, 4th Monday. Woodford, Versailles, 4th Monday.

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